CHARACTER COUNTS!℠ is a program that emphasizes the “Six Pillars of Character”. Those pillars are:

- **TRUSTWORTHINESS**
- **RESPECT**
- **RESPONSIBILITY**
- **FAIRNESS**
- **CARING**
- **CITIZENSHIP**

Character education is about celebrating what is right with young people while enabling them to develop knowledge and life skills for enhancing ethical and responsible behavior.

**THE PURPOSE** of the Character Counts!℠ Program is to help volunteers, educators and parents in teaching young people to:

- Know “right” from “wrong”
- Assume responsibility for their actions
- Respect the rights of others
- Develop decision-making and problem-solving skills
- Use self-discipline to achieve goals
- Work cooperatively with others
- Maximize their use of time and talents
- Develop good self-esteem as a product of responsible behavior
- Apply good character

List one way in each circle that you show that character trait or one thing you’ll to improve to help you become a stronger person of character.

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